

## WCCNM leading the charge bringing community together as Locals facing Layoffs

## Regional employment program drives community response to workforce crisis

(Albuquerque, NM – December 4, 2006) – Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico is hosting a job fair of major proportions in light of the recent announcement by Tewa Moulding that their local plant is shutting its' doors, permanently leaving 73 displaced workers.

"I'm proud to see that our program is responding to this workforce crisis", says John Sapien, Board Chairman of Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico. "It's important that we jump on this in a timely manner so we can assist in offering New Mexicans options for re-employment in the event of a lay-off".

"We want to help as many displaced workers as we can re-enter the workforce expediently", says Lawrence Rael, Executive Director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. "The strength of this board is that through its many partnerships, it is able to reach out to the community and provide resources and information in times of need."

The Central Workforce Board and the Governor's Office of Workforce Training and Development have brought key members of the community together to host this job fair.

## Job Fair

Monday, December 11
6:30pm- 9:00pm
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
9800 4th Street NW
(On east side of 4th Street just north of Alameda)

In addition to Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico, other Job Fair community partners include:

- New Mexico Department of Labor
- Albuquerque Economic Development
- Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation
- City of Albuquerque Economic Development
- Rio Rancho Economic Development Corporation
- Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce
- Governor's Office for Workforce Training and Development

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